

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTRADITION TREATY WITH PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any extradition treaty with Pakistan;
- (b) if not, whether the Government propose to have any such treaty with Pakistan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(c) There is no extradition treaty between India and Pakistan.

During the visit to India of Pakistan President, Pervez Musharraf, in July 2001, Home Minister, Shri L.K. Advani, had specifically proposed to the latter the conclusion of an Extradition Treaty between the two countries. The President of Pakistan turned down the suggestion arguing that such a Treaty was possible only after the normalization of relations between the two countries. Recently however media reports have stated that the Foreign Minister of Pakistan has suggested that the conclusion of such a treaty could be explored when dialogue between India and Pakistan resumes, and the question of 20 fugitives from law sought by India from Pakistan could be considered in that context.

It is quite obvious that Pakistan is attempting to use the issue of an Extradition Treaty purely for purposes of propaganda and as a delaying tactic to divert attention from the fact that Pakistan continues to provide safe haven to terrorists and other fugitives from law.